Welcome from Andrew McIlwain

Welcome to the second edition on the Dargues Gold Mine newsletter. We have been really surprised by the response from last month’s edition. It is pleasing to see the interest in the project and we will use this newsletter to keep everyone up to date. Please keep the feedback coming.

At the end of May our newest employee started. Scott Jones has started in the role of General Manager – Dargues Gold Mine (see page 2)

Drilling in the boxcut has been progressing well and the first blast is planned for mid June. Matt Gray, our Manager – Environment and Community, ran an information session in Majors Creek to ensure that local people are well informed as to what is planned.

June will be another busy month with the completion of the new access road, allowing us to commence plant construction works. There will be a few buildings seen on the road as we start to move offices and change rooms from Bendigo to Dargues.

Community Corner

Majors Creek Road

Work has commenced on the junction of our site access road and Majors Creek Road. Once complete, the current site access road — on the Majors Creek side of the wooden bridge — will be closed and only be used as a secondary or emergency access. Please take care travelling through this area whilst the work is being conducted.

Braidwood Central School Presentation

On the 29 May DGM Environmental Officer Rebecca Bigg visited the school to present an overview of the mine and mining processes to the Senior Primary school students. The students are completing a science learning module on air and water pollution, so Rebecca demonstrated our monitoring equipment in a hand’s on display and discussed with the students the importance of monitoring and protecting our environment. An experiment on the school’s water quality was conducted along with an experiment on application rates of flocculant.

Site Activities

Progress is continuing on the access road, however the rain has meant some delays. The gabion wall at the first culvert, which provides stability where the road has cut in, is taking shape. The second tier of the wall is currently being constructed and when finished it will stand three metres high.

Fresh rock was struck in the boxcut in the first half of May at the depth we expected. Two drill rigs have been brought to site to drill holes in the rock on the bottom of the boxcut. A total of 360 holes will be drilled with the deepest extending down 14 metres. Blasting is expected to be in the second week of June. When blasted, this will enable further excavation to the total 26 metre depth of the boxcut where construction of the portal for the underground mine will commence.

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Changing of the Guard at Dargues

On the 27 May, Scott Jones commenced at DGM as General Manager. Scott will take over management of the project and lead the team through the next phase of development of the mine and onto production in 2014. Greg Cozens, who has managed the project from exploration to commencement of construction, is moving into a new role as Exploration Manager NSW. He will continue to have involvement at the mine and around the area as exploration ramps up again.

Greg Cozens and new General Manager, Scott Jones

What is a Jumbo?

A Jumbo is a specialised piece of mining equipment used for drilling holes in the rock underground. Looking a bit like something from a Sci-fi movie, they have a number of booms (or arms) on which the drills are mounted.

Connected to the power system by a long extension cable, a single operator will drill up to 60 holes in the rock face, up to 6 metres long. These holes are then filled with explosives to fracture the rock, which is removed by specialist underground haul vehicles known as Load Haul Dump or LHD’s—more about these in the next issue. The Jumbo allows for steady progress towards gold development. The jumbo also drills holes for “rock bolts”, used to ensure the excavation is stable and safe to work in.

A Jumbo similar to the one shown here is being used for surface drilling of the boxcut at Dargues

New General Manager—Scott Jones

Scott, is a mining engineer by profession and brings to Unity a wealth of operating and project development experience. Over a career of 25 years in the industry, Scott has worked in a number of companies, covering a variety of roles. Previously, as Mine Manager, he was instrumental in the development and subsequent operation of Newcrest’s Ridgeway Mine and more recently was General Manager of Kimberley Metals’ Ridges Iron Ore project in WA. During his time with Newcrest, Scott led Newcrest’s Safety and Health team implementing their behavioural safety strategy which resulted in a 10 fold reduction in reportable injuries. Scott’s belief that good safety is good business will no doubt be a platform that he uses to establish a culture of both operational and business excellence at Dargues.

Importantly, Scott has had exposure to the key issues that new mines experience in relation to delivery of community expectations. He has relocated to Braidwood and his commitment to the community will no doubt become evident over time. He will assume a key role as a DGM representative on the DRCCC.

Scott Jones started at the end of May 2013.

Useful Contacts:

Project Information
The best source of up-to-date info is our website www.darguesreef.com.au
For more detailed assistance please ring the Dargues Gold Mine Info Line on 1800 732 002 or email darguesinfoline@unitymining.com.au
and one of the team will respond promptly.

Environmental
For reporting of urgent environmental issues, please contact the EPA at either:

- the South East Regional office on (02) 6229 7002 or
- Environmentline (24hours) on 131555.

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